

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: JOHN E. PILETZ ET AL.

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Title: DNA MOLECULES ENCODING IMIDAZOLINE RECEPTIVE  
POLYPEPTIDES AND POLYPEPTIDES ENCODED THEREBY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior  
to the examination of the continued prosecution application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 16, 19, 22-24, 27, 32, 35 and 36 as  
follows:

16. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide including a site  
which is receptive to imidazoline compounds, said polypeptide  
containing an amino acid sequence with at least [80] 90% sequence  
[similarity] identity with the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ  
ID [No.] NO: 6, wherein the percent identity is determined using  
the BLASTP program with default parameters.

19. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide including a site  
which is receptive to imidazoline compounds, said polypeptide  
containing an amino acid sequence with at least [80] 90% sequence  
[similarity] identity with the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ  
ID [No.] NO: 5, wherein the percent identity is determined using  
the BLASTP program with default parameters.

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